Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 17 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Sunday 16 Aug 2020 at 16:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for Monday through to Wednesday, but a few hours uncertainty in timing of rain and in western extent of low cloud on Monday. Low for location of showers and thunderstorm risk on Tuesday. Large uncertainty in details from Wednesday night, but higher confidence for a change to more unsettled weather.

Headline for Monday 17 Aug 2020: Dry sunny start. Rain or showers spread northwest, heavy for a time. Low cloud later.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 17 Aug 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	<05%	30%	70%	60%	10%	10%

Forecast for Monday 17 Aug 2020

Weather: Dry with clear spells through the early hours, some mist or fog in the glens. Then a dry start with sunny spells, any mist or fog patches clearing soon after dawn. Cloud thickens across the southeast bringing rain or showers from mid-morning, these spreading northeast, turning heavy for a time. Showers die out late afternoon, but low cloud may give some patchy drizzle in the east.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% across Lochaber, some patchy cloud on the summits in afternoon showers. 40% across eastern Argyll and the Trossachs with cloud lowering to around 400m in the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally very good in the west, locally falling to a few km in heavy showers, becoming poor in hill fog in the east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	13/15 E	13/15 SE	12/15 E	15/19 NE	19/24 NE	18/22 E	15/19 NE	13/16 E	10/13 E
900	9/11 E	9/11 E	10/13 E	12/16 E	11/16 E	12/16 E	9/13 E	10/14 E	11/15 E
600	8/10 E	8/10 E	11/14 NE	15/19 NE	15/19 NE	11/16 NE	10/14 NE	8/11 NE	7/9 E
300	4/6 N	5/6 N	5/8 N	7/11 N	10/14 NE	7/11 NE	6/9 NE	4/7 NE	4/6 E
Glen	6/14 E	6/14 NE	7/16 NE	10/17 NE	9/16 NE	8/15 E	7/14 E	5/13 E	4/9 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/8	11/9	11/9	12/9	12/8	11/8	11/8	10/7	9/7
900	11/10	11/10	12/10	13/11	14/12	13/11	13/11	12/10	11/9
600	13/12	13/12	13/11	14/11	15/13	15/14	15/13	14/13	13/13
300	14/14	13/13	13/12	15/14	17/16	17/17	17/16	16/16	14/14
Glen	15/15	14/14	14/13	17/15	19/18	19/18	18/17	16/16	16/16
Freezing Level*	3200m	3200m	3200m	3200m	3200m	3100m	3100m	2900m	2800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Main thunder risk around midday to early afternoon.

Forecast for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020
Weather: Rather cloudy with some patchy drizzle through the early hours, but some clear spells near the coast. Bright or sunny spells developing in the morning, but scattered showers breaking out from late morning, these occasionally heavy with a slight risk of thunder. Showers continue into the evening, dying out after dark.

Maximum wind: Light and variable, then mainly Southwest 5-10 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, cloud bases often above the summits, but lowering to around 700-800m in showers. Areas of cloud around 500-700m in the morning, mainly in the south and east.

Visibility: Generally very good outside areas of low cloud and heavy rain or showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 11 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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